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1. ALULA ABATE AND ATO TESFAYE ASFAW DEFINITELY CANNOT TRAVEL AT THIS TIME. TRAVEL LATER BEFORE OCTOBER 30, 1975 SO PROBLEMATIC THAT POST RECOMMENDS CANCELLING THEIR GRANTS. THEY HOPE, HOWEVER, TRAVEL NEXT SUMMER BUT EVEN THAT IS DOUBTFUL.
 2. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY REMINDED ACTING PRESIDENT HOW IMPERATIVE IT IS TO HAVE DECISION ON FECADU GEDAMU. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. IF NO REPLY RECEIVED BEFORE COB JUNE 6 WE WILL RECOMMEND CANCELLATION.
 3. DELAY IN ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPLY INDICATES HE IS ATTEMPTING WORK OUT APPROVAL OF EPMG FOR RELEASE OF FECADU FOR AUFRRP, DESPITE KNOCK BACK IN OTHER CASES.
 4. HOWEVER, FECADU IS ACTING DEAN OF UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF ARTS. IN SITUATION WHERE UNIVERSITY'S TOP-LEVEL ADMINISTRATORS ARE FEW AND HARD PRESSED TO TAKE CARE OF PRESENT PROBLEMS AND PREPARE PLANS FOR UNIVERSITY'S FUTURE, LIKELIHOOD OF FECADU'S RELEASE NOW SEEMS VERY REMOTE.
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